

MINUTES

**DRAFT – Until Approve
by RPC on 06/29/22.
Prepared by Elida Luna.**

Meeting Place: Virtual (Online) and by Teleconference

Meeting Date: June 8, 2022 - Wednesday

Time: 9:06 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor, Moon, Hastings

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Ms. Aracely Lasso, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Elaine Lemke, Assistant County Counsel

Planning Director: Ms. Connie Chung, Deputy Director Advance Planning

Forester and Fire Warden: Mr. Juan Padilla, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Hastings – That the agenda for June 8, 2022 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved unanimously.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

2. County Counsel stated for the record that while this is an online meeting, it is a public meeting the same as if it were held in person in the Commission's hearing room and rules that allow for an orderly meeting shall apply. As such, when speaking on an agenda item, comments should address the item on the agenda and no other issues.

Similarly, if speaking during public comment, comments should be limited to issues related to the business of the Regional Planning Commission.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT (Cont.)

If speakers do not remain on topic, they may be reminded by the Chair or myself to do so. Failure to discuss issues not related to the agenda item, may result in the loss of the right to speak on the item or other items, if directed by the Chair. In addition, speakers should refrain from conduct that is disruptive of the meeting. Doing so also could result in the loss of the right to speak on the agenda item or any other items.

Disruptive conduct can include, but is not limited to, threats made against other speakers, the Commission or its members, or any others participating in the meeting, profane comments not related to the agenda item, or disorderly or contemptuous behavior leading to a disruption of the orderly progression and holding of the meeting.

In such cases, the Chair will advise that the behavior is disruptive and direct that the speaker's microphone be disabled. That person may, however, continue to observe the meeting. Further, disruptive behavior communicated to the panelists of the meeting, which include the Commission and County staff, may result in the removal of that person from the meeting by disconnecting them from the online connection.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

3. There were no reports given by the Chief Deputy Director.

Coastal

- 3(a) **Project No. PRJ2022-000311-(3). Administrative Coastal Development Permit No. RPPL2022000757. Planner: Shawn Skeries. Applicant: Allyson Kane. 26315 Lockwood Road. Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area. Authorizing eighteen (18) roof-mounted Q-Cell solar modules and appurtenant equipment, including junction boxes and associated wiring, affixed to an existing single-family residence in the R-C-10,000 (Rural Coastal-10,000 square-foot minimum required lot area) Zone pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 22.44.940. This project is categorically exempt, Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

There being no presentation, the Commission received and accepted the information for Project No. PRJ2022-000311-(3).

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

4. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Hastings – That the minutes for January 12, 2022 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/O'Connor – That the minutes for January 19, 2022 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Hastings – That the minutes for January 26, 2022 be approved.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL (Cont.)

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Moon – That the minutes for February 9, 2022 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Hastings – That the minutes for March 16, 2022 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Hastings – That the minutes for May 18, 2022 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Staff announced if you are joining us via telephone and want to provide comment on any of the agenda items, please send an email to comment@planning.lacounty.gov and provide the agenda item number, your first name, your last name, your email address, your phone number, and indicate if you are the applicant or not the applicant

All participants' microphones will be muted during the meeting unless you have signed up to provide comment. If you have signed up to provide comment, your microphone will be unmuted when it is time for you to speak, and staff will call your name.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Studies

Project Approved

5. **Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5). Planner: Adrienne Ng. Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2020000624. Oil Well Ordinance. Countywide. An amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code, for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities in all zones, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses in all zones, and establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3), 15061(b)(2), 15301 (Class 1), and 15308 (Class 8).**

Staff presented the Oil Well Ordinance, a project that amends Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, designates existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use, and establishes consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period. The Ordinance applies to the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, except for the Baldwin Hills Community

PUBLIC HEARING (Cont.)

Standards District, areas designated as a specific plan, and uses operating under a valid discretionary permit.

On September 15, 2021, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion titled "Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County." The motion directed the Department of Regional Planning to "prohibit all new oil and gas extraction wells in all zones, including those allowed or planned for under existing discretionary permits, and designates all existing oil and gas extraction activities, including those allowed or planned for under existing discretionary permits, as legal nonconforming uses in all zones." The Ordinance implements the Board's vision to prioritize and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of residents living near oil wells and begins the process of a just transition away from fossil fuels and decarbonization of the economy.

On September 15, 2022, the Board also approved two related motions titled "Developing an Oil Well Cleanup Pilot Program for Los Angeles County" and "Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels for Los Angeles County." The three motions assigned several County departments, including the Office of Oil and Gas at Public Works, Department of Public Health, Fire Department, and the Chief Sustainability Office to work on these directives.

The Ordinance has three major elements and key components; it prohibits new oil wells and production facilities. It designates existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming. Also, it establishes regulations for existing uses during the amortization period.

The Ordinance specifies a schedule for the effective date for regulations. Regulations for site maintenance, well plugging and abandonment, and restoration become effective on the date the Ordinance becomes effective. Regulations for well and site signage and the comment and complaint log become effective one year after the Ordinance goes into effect. Regulations for bonds become effective two years after the Ordinance goes into effect.

The Ordinance is consistent with and supportive of the goals, policies, and principles of the General Plan. The Department and Title 22 are responsible for land use and zoning regulations in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. In addition, there are numerous federal, state, regional, and local agencies that regulate oil wells and production facilities in California and in Los Angeles County.

For further action and discussion visit:

http://lacdrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the exemptions qualify pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Louie, Moon, Duarte-White, and O'Connor in favor and Commissioner Hasting being recorded as no.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission adopt the resolution recommending approval to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors of the Oil Well Ordinance, Plan No. RPPL2020000624.

PUBLIC HEARING (Cont.)

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Louie, Moon, Duarte-White, and O'Connor in favor and Commissioner Hasting being recorded as no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

7. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.240.010.B of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

8. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

There were no reports given by Commission/Counsel/Director.

ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 10:38 a.m. to Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Elida Luna, Acting Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE

Yolanda Duarte-White, Chair

Connie Chung, Deputy Director
Advance Planning Division